

or 50°
45° (winter) to 65° (summer) is warm
enough. High temperatures are
injurious, & sudden changes
excessively so. As a rule they
are better not watered on the
grounds. A good soaking for the
soil once a week is plenty.

I remain thy fr. sincerely
J. A. Backhouse

Where our Hymenophyllaceae are
kept, the ^{condensed} moisture stands upon
the grounds day & night for months
together!

Catalogue ret. by Book post
today.

York of 2mo. 1871

Dear Dr. Gray

My last letter, posted
abt. a fortnight ago, would
explain my surprise that a
previous letter, ^{had not been received,} acknowledging
rect. (in safety) of the case
of plants kindly sent to us.

I now return the list of
ferns, having marked with
a ✓ the kinds which we can
supply among your desiderata.

I will gladly forward these
as soon as the weather is
suitable - in April? My
regret is that we have so
few of the kinds desired.

Our new Herbaceous Cata-
logue is now in the printer's
hands, & shall be sent shortly.

I shall be very glad if the
plants of *Silene regia*, of
which you have received
roots, prove true to name.

Should opportunity offer,
there are two other fine plants
in your country well worth
obtaining, viz *Hibiscus gran-*
diflorus & *Hypericum aureum*.

I might add *Silene Baldurii*?

I merely mention them, that
an "eye" may be kept upon
them! A little seed may
sometimes be obtained

where it is difficult to procure
plants. And if at any time
even "a pinch" of any interesting
Annual can be spared, especi-
ally if new & distinct, it
would be especially acceptable.
I will gladly send anything
we can in return, in plants
or seeds.

I ought just to say that I
only send 3 or 4 kinds of
Trichomanes & *Hypnophyllums*,
as yet; they are costly species,
& I should like to know that
they travel safely, & can be
grown freely, before sending
more kinds. An excessively
humid atmosphere, ranging